

**POSTAGE METERING SYSTEM HAVING**  
**THIRD PARTY PAYMENT CAPABILITY**

**Abstract of the Invention**

5 A payment processing system includes a data center, a postage metering  
system and a control system in operative communication with the data center  
and the postage metering system. The postage metering system is located  
remotely from the data center. The control system obtains payment data via the  
postage metering system where the payment data includes a payee and a  
payment amount. Further, the control system dispatches payment from the data  
10 center to the payee for the payment amount.

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